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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

The Malaysia-Singapore Research Conference (MSRC) was organised by Malaysian and Singaporean students at the University of Cambridge, with a view to foster knowledge sharing amongst Malaysian and Singaporean postgraduates studying in the United Kingdom, and for the academic work of students to translate to fruitful partnerships, collaborations, and even employment. There were plenary sessions by representatives from industry and academia, and postgraduate oral and poster presentations were presented across three themes: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); Medicine and Biological Sciences; and Humanities and Social Sciences.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

I gained a better understanding of the “knowledge economy” back home in Malaysia—namely, priorities and opportunities in the public and private sectors. A number of the other oral presenters in the Humanities and Social Sciences theme spoke on issues relevant to my research interests. In particular: the role of urban society in conservation; postcolonial social discourse; green infrastructure in cities; and gentrification in urban areas. Listening to these presentations helped deepen my contextual understanding of the issues surrounding debates in sustainable development.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

In the immediate future, I see the learnings from the conference useful in helping me prepare for my upcoming Masters dissertation. I also feel inspired to further my research in my subject of interest (urban conservation). I see myself keeping in touch with some of the other postgraduates who presented at the conference, perhaps undertaking research collaborations of some sort in the future.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

N/A

5. Tips/experience learned from the event
There is something about presenting research, no matter how “raw” or unrefined it is, that helps clarify the thought process. After presenting, I felt that there was so much I could have done to improve my presentation and the structure and content of my paper. But I would not have known what to do had I not taken the first step of actually presenting my work. To this end, the support from CAPOD and endorsement from my lecturer Dr Mike Kesby helped lots!

6. **Any additional comments or information regarding the event**

I was awarded Best Presenter in the Humanities and Social Sciences category.